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SUBJ: LOS: CHILE'S MARE NOSTRUM PROCLAIMED

1. SUMMARY. UNDER DATE MAY 30, SUPREME DECREE NO. 346 ISSUED GIVING NAME "MAR CHILENO" (CHILEAN SEA) TO "THOSE WATERS OF THE SEA WHICH WASH OR ENCIRCLE THE NATIONAL TERRITORY." END SUMMARY.

2. DECREE, ISSUED IN FOREIGN MINISTRY SERIES, SIGNED BY PRESIDENT (GEN) PINOCHET OF GOVERNING JUNTA, FON MINISTER (R/ADM) HUERTA AND DEFENSE MINISTER (V/ADM) CARVAJAL, AND PUBLISHED IN DIARIO OFICIAL JUNE 4, SPECIFIES THAT THIS NEW DESIGNA-
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TION IN NO WAY PREJUDICES OR ALTERS INTERNAL OR INTERNATIONAL LEGAL

REGIME RELATING TO THOSE WATERS. ACCORDING TO TEXT, DECREE ISSUED IN CONSIDERATION OF IMPORTANCE AND GRAVITATION WHICH SEA HAS IN CHILE'S DESTINY AND OF ADVISABILITY OF REAFFIRMING NATURAL MARITIME VOCATION WHICH BY REASON OF THIS FACT EXISTS IN NATIONAL CONSCIENCE.

3. IN CEREMONY ABOARD NAVAL VESSEL OFF VALPARAISO MAY 31, IN PRESENCE OF MIN DEFENSE, DECREE WAS READ OUT AND SCHOOL CHILDREN TOSSED INTO SEA CLAY POTS CONTAINING EARTH FROM ALL OF CHILE'S 25 PROVINCES AND EASTER ISLAND. PROCLAMATION AND CEREMONY WERE CULMINATION OF MONTH-LONG COMMEMORATIONS OF MAY AS "MONTH OF THE SEA," IN WHICH PUBLIC EVENTS, LECTURES AND NEWSPAPER AND MEDIA COVERAGE EMPHASIZING CHILE'S DEPENDENCE ON SEA TOOK PLACE THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. AS CUSTOMARY, IMPORTANT EVENTS THIS YEAR RELATED TO "MONTH OF THE SEA" MARKED MAY 21 ANNIVERSARY OF NAVAL BATTLE OFF IQUIQUE (BATTLE LOST TO PERUVIANS IN WAR OF THE PACIFIC).

4. LIKE COMMEMORATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, DECREE OF COURSE LARGELY SYMBOLIC BUT NONETHELESS OF SOME INTEREST IN VIEW UPCOMING LOS CONFERENCE (WHICH INCIDENTALLY HARDLY MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH "MONTH OF THE SEA"). SOME NAVAL FRIENDS, PERHAPS JOKINGLY, HAVE ASSERTED PRIVATELY TO US THAT CHILEAN SEA EXTENDS WITHOUT INTERRUPTION

FROM CONTINENTAL COAST TO BEYOND EASTER ISLAND (NO MENTION OF HOW FAR BEYOND). FON MINISTRY LOS EXPERTS HOWEVER APPEAR DISAGREE WITH THIS VIEW. IN THIS CONNECTION WE NOTE FROM SANTIAGO PRESS THAT ON JUNE 4 CHILEAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES, PRESUMABLY ACTING ON CIRCULAR INSTRUCTION FROM FON MINISTRY, ISSUED COMMUNIQUE REITERATING WELL KNOWN CHILEAN POSITION ON 200 MILES ECONOMIC RESOURCES ZONE SUBJECT TO NATIONAL JURISDICTION (I.E. PATRIMONIAL SEA), WHICH COMMUNIQUE AFFIRMED GOC WILL DEFEND AT CARACAS CONFERENCE.
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